

# Family Resource Center newsletter

March/April 2015

## CREATING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### March:

- 6 Library Visit
- 9 Grandparents Support Group
- 12 Evening Play Group
- 13 Forest Park "Zoo on the Go"
- 16 Autism Support Group
- 23 Single Parent Support Group
- 27 Sensory Exploration Event

#### April:

- 6 Grandparents Support Group
- 10 ShopRite Scavenger Hunt
- 13 Autism Support Group
- 16 Evening Play Group
- 17 Play Group at the Park
- 27 Single Parent Support Group

#### FRC Closed:

4/3: Good Friday

#### FRC No Programs:

4/20-4/24: Spring School Break

#### Weather Cancellation Policy:

When the Enfield Public Schools cancel school, our playgroups and programs will be cancelled. If there is a late opening, morning playgroups and programs will be cancelled. If there is an early release due to weather, afternoon playgroups will be cancelled. For information on school cancellations, you can call 253-5170.



#### Family Resource Centers

Enfield Street School  
1318 Enfield Street  
Enfield, CT 06082  
(860) 253-5144  
Monday-Friday:  
8:00am to 4:30pm

Harriet Beecher Stowe\*  
117 Post Office Road  
Enfield, CT 06082  
(860) 253-6580  
Monday-Thursday:  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am to 1:00pm

\*Support for this work is provided in part by the LEGO® Children's Fund.

[www.enfield-ct.gov/frc](http://www.enfield-ct.gov/frc)



Just a reminder that we are on Facebook. Like our page and get information on upcoming events.



### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by ShopRite of Enfield

**Mondays: Mar 16 & Apr 13**

**6:15 – 7:30 pm**

**Enfield Street School Library,  
1318 Enfield Street, Enfield**

**To Register: Call (860)253-5144 or email  
Amy Morales: [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org)**

The Enfield Autism Support Group is a group of parents who meet once a month to highlight successes and achievements in their children's growth.

It is a safe place to explore concerns and obstacles as a way of obtaining fresh ideas. The main focus of the group is to offer support, acceptance and encouragement to parents in the local area who have children or family members with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

*Refreshments and Childcare provided.*



#### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

**Mondays: Mar 9 & Apr 6**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Enfield Street School Library  
1318 Enfield Street, Enfield**

**To Register: Call (860)253-5144 or email  
Amy Morales: [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org)**

Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren or other relative children? This group was created for grandparents that need support and resources while they embark on a new and exciting time in their life, while raising their grandchildren.

*Light Dinner and Childcare Provided.*

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#### SINGLE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

**Mondays: Mar 23 & Apr 27**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Enfield Child Development Center  
110 High Street, Enfield**

**To Register: Call (860)253-5144 or email  
Amy Morales: [amorales@enfield.org](mailto:amorales@enfield.org)**

This support group provides a safe place for single parents to share ideas, listen, get resources and make new friends.

*Light Dinner and Childcare Provided.*

#### English:

Interpretation services now available for families in many languages

#### Spanish:

Los servicios de interpretación ahora están disponible en muchos idiomas para las familias.

#### Arabic:

خدمات الترجمة الشفوية متوفرة الآن للأسر، في العديد من اللغات

### PLAY GROUPS

#### FREE LEARNING THROUGH PLAY GROUPS FOR ENFIELD FAMILIES

*Sponsored by USA Hauling and Recycling, Inc.*

#### Enfield Street School

**1318 Enfield Street**

**Wednesdays:**

**9:15am -10:15am OR**

**10:30am-11:30am**

#### Alcorn School

**1010 Enfield Street**

**Wednesdays:**

**1:30pm-2:30 pm**

#### Harriet Beecher Stowe

**117 Post Office Road**

**Tuesdays or Thursdays:**

**9:15am to 10:15am or**

**10:30am to 11:30am**

**Wednesdays:**

**9:15am to 10:15am**

Come and join us for songs, stories, play and activities. This is an interactive and educational playgroup for Moms, Dads, Grandparents, caregivers and their children. Bring your children ages birth to five. You must register to attend



*For More Information,*

*Please Contact:*

**Enfield Street School and Alcorn**

**Play Groups:**

Shelby Kosa at 253-4769 or

Email: [skosa@enfield.org](mailto:skosa@enfield.org)

**Harriet Beecher Stowe**

**Play Groups:**

Erin Grimes at 253-6580 or

Email: [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org)



#### FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

This free tax preparation service will be provided through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Program (VITA). This program runs from February 2 to April 15, 2015 by appointment, as well as the rest of the year as needed at the Department of Social Services. **If your household annual income is under \$52,000, please call Social Services at 860-253-6395 for an appointment.**



## EVENTS

**All FRC Events are free; however, space is limited and you must pre-register for each event.**

Please call Erin Grimes at 860-253-6580 or email her at [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org) to register for any events or for more information.

### LIBRARY VISIT

**Friday, March 6**

**10:00am to 11:00am**

**Enfield Public Library, 104 Middle Rd.**

Join us to enjoy toys, crafts, stories and even get your own library card!



### EVENING PLAY GROUPS

**Thursday, March 12 &**

**Thursday, April 16**

**6:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Stowe FRC**

This is an interactive and educational playgroup for parents, grandparents, caregivers and their children, birth to 5 years.



### FOREST PARK "ZOO ON THE GO"

**Friday, March 13**

**10:00am to 10:30 am or**

**10:45am to 11:15am**

**Lamagna Center Gym, 19 N. Main St.**

This outreach program will provide live animals, animal facts and a fun hands-on learning experience for young children. We will also meet some examples of well-protected animals. Space is limited.



### SENSORY EXPLORATION EVENT

**Friday, March 27**

**10:00am to 11:00am**

**Stowe FRC**

Come experiment with an assortment of textures, sounds, tastes, smells and sights!



### SCAVENGER HUNT

**Friday, April 10**

**10:00am to 11:00am**

**ShopRite of Enfield, 40 Hazard Ave.**

Children will have the opportunity to "find and taste" some healthy foods throughout the store! Space is limited.



### PLAYGROUP AT THE PARK

**Friday, April 17**

**10:00am**

**Enfield Public Library, 104 Middle Rd.**

Come meet some friends and have fun playing at the park. *(In the event of rain, we will host a playgroup at this time at the Stowe FRC.)*



### PARENTING BOOK DISCUSSION CAFE

*Featuring the New York Times bestseller*

*"No-Drama Discipline"*

**Tuesdays, Beginning March 10**

**6:30pm to 8:00pm**

**Stowe FRC**

*Are you looking for a new approach to discipline?* Join us for coffee and a facilitated conversation in a relaxed setting with other parents. This program will run for seven sessions on Tuesday evenings from March 10th through April 28th. Childcare and refreshments will be provided along with a copy of the book. Space is limited to 12 parents. **To register for this program or for more information, please call the Stowe FRC at 860-253-6580 or email Deidre at [dhoran@enfield.org](mailto:dhoran@enfield.org).**

### RAISING READERS PARENT BOOK CLUB

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**Mondays, Beginning April 27**

**9:15am to 10:15am**

**Stowe FRC**

The FRC at Stowe invites you to join our Raising Readers Book Club! Each week a different topic will be discussed to help you understand how books can be used in a variety of ways at home with your infant or toddler. You will receive a FREE children's book each week! The program will run for 7 sessions on Monday mornings from April 27th through June 15th. Childcare and refreshments will be available. Space is limited. **To register for this program or for more information, please call the Stowe FRC at 860-253-6580 or email Erin at [egrimes@enfield.org](mailto:egrimes@enfield.org).**

### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**Wednesday, April 22**

**3:00pm—6:00 pm**

**Freshwater Pond**

Come celebrate Earth Day with the Town of Enfield. There will be food, activities for children, and information on ways to live life in a greener way. Bring the whole family!



### ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM AT ALCORN SCHOOL

Adult Education offers morning and evening English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED courses at their Alcorn School location. Child care and literacy activities provided for children ages 6 months and up during some of the class times. GED informational sessions and registration are held Tuesdays at Alcorn from 12 noon to 3:00pm year round. If you do not have your diploma, this is a good time to start! **For more information regarding Adult Education, please call 860-763-7032.**



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2015/2016

To be eligible for kindergarten in September 2015, children must be five years old before January 1, 2016.

**Due to the increased volume of kindergarten registrations at the schools, you are encouraged to register your child at either of the following times and locations:**

**Tuesday, April 14**

**12:00pm to 7:00pm**

**At the Enfield Square Mall, Center Court**

**Thursday, April 16**

**12:00pm to 7:00pm**

**At the Angelo Lamagna Center 19 North Main Street**

Registration will also be held at each of the primary schools the week of April 13 to 17 between the hours of 9:30am to 11:30am and 1:00pm to 2:30pm.



### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS THE FOCUS OF OUR PLAY GROUPS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

**Exciting News!**

**The FRC is now offering the Ages and Stages Social/Emotional Questionnaire free for children ages birth to five in Enfield.**

It is a simple questionnaire completed with the parent or caregiver that shows how children are progressing in the social emotional developmental area. The screening can be completed at the Family Resource Center or at your home. Please contact us to schedule an appointment:

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